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RESPONSE TO ELECTION OF SPECIES AND PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed February 18, 2004, Paper No./Mail Date 021004, please consider the following.

Applicant hereby petitions under the provisions of 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a) for a one month extension of time in which to respond to the outstanding Office Action and includes a fee as set forth in 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(a) with this response for such extension of time.

The Examiner has required an election of species pursuant to 35 U.S.C. § 121 to one of the following patentably distinct species:

I. The invention shown in Figure 2;

- II. The invention shown in Figure 8;
- III. The invention shown in Figure 10;
- IV. The invention shown in Figure 13;
- V. The invention shown in Figures 17, 25 and 26;
- VI. The invention shown in Figure 20; and
- VI. The invention shown in Figure 24.

Applicant, without traverse, respectfully requests the Examiner to proceed with Species I shown in Figure 2. Applicant believes that Claims 1-9, 11-13, 15, 16 and 18 read on the elected species. Applicant requests that the non-elected Claims be held in abeyance for possible rejoinder and/or further prosecution in future divisional and/or continuation applications.

CONCLUSION

It is believed that a full and complete response has been made to the outstanding Office Action, and as such, the present application is in condition for allowance. Thus, prompt and favorable consideration of this Response is respectfully requested. If the Examiner believes that personal communication will expedite prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at (248) 641-1600.

Respectfully submitted,

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